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In re Application of:

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PREPARATION OF POLYTRIMETHYLENE
ETHER GLYCOL

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REQUEST FOR NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

A final Office Action was issued in the subject patent application on February 7, 2005.

The Action withdraws four rejections presented in an August 10, 2004 Office Action and issues a number of new rejections.

Two new grounds for rejection were presented in the August 10, 2004 Office Action. First, claims 1, 20-24, 47-63, 66-71 and 78-95 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al., U.S. Patent No. 2,520,733 (hereinafter "Morris"), in view of Wagner et al, WO 98/27123 (hereinafter "Wagner"), corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,187,898 B1. Applicants' comments concerning Wagner are based upon the counterpart U.S. patent. Second, claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Nishira et al. US 5,731,453 (Nishira).

The Action states in paragraph 15 that applicants' amendment necessitated the new grounds for rejection presented in the Action. The Action cites MPEP 706.07(a). MPEP 706.07(a) describes when a final rejection is proper on a second Action. It states: